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1850 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MORINGSTAR,	Levi	39	M	O farmer
	Elizabeth	43	F	O
	Sarah Ann	17	F	O
	William	15	M	O farmer
	Jacob	12	M	O
	Eliza Jane	9	F	O
	Franklin	7	M	O
	Ann M.	5	F	O

MORINGSTAR,	George	34	M	O farmer
	Eleanor	34	F	O
	David	13	M	O
	Mary Ann	11	F	In
	James	9	M	In
	Thomas H.	6	M	O
	Sarah M.	4	F	O
	Benj F.	2	M	O
JUDY, Mary		80	F	Md

MORINGSTAR,	William W.	31	M	O farmer
	Elizabeth	24	F	O
	Benjamin	10	M	O
SHEETS, Samuel		22	M	P laborer
PHILLIPS, Samuel		20	M	O laborer
LYNCH, Thomas		44	M	Ire laborer
CARL, James		38	M	Ire laborer
MEHAN, Michael		26	M	Ire laborer

1860 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MORNINGSTAR,	William	40	M	O	farmer
	ELizabeth	36	F	O	
	Benjamin	20	M	O	labor
	John H.	10	M	O	
	Alice	8	F	O	

1870 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP:

MORNINGSTAR,	W.H.	50	M	O shoe merchant
	Herchel	19	M	O dairyman
	Alice	17	F	O
HOUSE,	Laura	20	F	O servant
MORINGSTAR,	B.H.	30	M	O mail route agt

1880 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MORNINGSTAR,	John H.	29	O/O/O	prof of penmanship
	Jennie	25	O/O/O	wife
	Harry	2	O/O/O	son
MORNINGSTAR,	Wm H.	60	O/P/P	farmer
	Frank	41	O/O/O	wife
	Alice	24	O/O/O	dau
MORNINGSTAR,	Ben F.	38	O/O/O	postal service
	Samantha	27	O/O/O	wife
	Ida	3	O/O/O	dau
	Glenn	11/12	O/O/O	son (July)

1900 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MORNINGSTAR, Benjamin 26 2/40 O/O/O farmer
Samantha 5/4 1/52 O/O/O wife
Glenn E. 8/79 O/O/O son/hotel clerk
James G. 4/83 O/O/O son
Benjamin F. 6/87 O/O/O son

FERGUSON, Mary 1/1 3/27 O/P/NY wid/md 47 yrs
MORINGSTAR, Jennie 1/1 6/54 O/Del/O dau
Herchel 23 1/51 O/O/P son in law/confectioner
Harry T. 3/78 O/O/O grdson/electrician

1910 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MORNINGSTAR,	Glen E.	30	4	0/0/0	dentist
	Maude	29	1/1	0/0/0	wife
	Mildred M.	3		0/0/0	dau
ULLERY,	Ellen	55	3/3	0/0/0	mother in law/widow
MAULY,	Robert	36		0/0/0	bdr/cigar mfgr

FRIEDBERG, Max lives out of city

STOLTZ,	Cassius A.	34	13	0/0/0	mail carrier
	Ida M.	33	2/2	0/0/0	wife
	Thaddeus	12		0/0/0	son
	Ruth	9		0/0/0	dau
MORNINGSTAR,	James B.	26		0/0/0	brother n law/dentist

DCO CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS by Short

GREENVILLE CEMETERY (GREENVILLE TWP)

MORNINGSTAR, W.K. Co H. 152nd Ohio Inf GAR

MORNINGSTAR, Mary 1773-1859
Wm H. 1819-1886
Elizabeth Wagoner (his wife) 1826-1869
J. Herschel 1851-1903
Thornton J. 1849-1914
Alice 1855-1917

MORNINGSTAR, Harry T. 178-19== (on Ferguson lot)

MORNINGSTAR, Maude V. 1881-1930
G.E. b 8-8-1870 d 12-7-1918

MORNINGSTAR, Corp'l B.F. Co K. 34 Ohio Inf
Vet Foregin War emblem

MORNINGSTAR, Corp'l B.F. Co K. 34 Ohio Inf GAR

DCO MARRIAGES 1817-1850 by Short

MORNINGSTAR, William to Elizabeth Wagoner
6-22-1849

DCO MARRIAGES 1851-1898

MORNINGSTAR, Berry F. to Samantha R. Baker
Dec 19, 1872
MORNINGSTAR, Chas A. to N.E.Allen
July 26, 1894
MORNINGSTAR, Herschel to Jennie S. Ferguson
Nov 7, 1876
MORNINGSTAR, Eliza J. to Thomas Hogan
Nov 9,1856
MORNINGSTAR, Ida to Cassius A. Stoltz
Feb 22, 1897
MORNINGSTAR, Sarah to Henry Vancoyk
Sept 20, 1857

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NEWSPAPERS by Schirack

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, March 6, 1929 (Wednesday)

Mrs R.T. Johnson, died Tuesday at her home in Dayton; who was formerly Mrs A.N. Brewer, a step son Tom Brewer, Richmond,Va; 3 sisters Mrs Samantha Morningstar, Cleveland, Mrs A.L. Jones, & Mrs C.R. Leftwich of Greenville, survive; Interment Greenville cemetery;

ANSONIAN, March 27,1930 (Thursday)

Sunday March 23,1930, quite a crowd gathered at the home of David W.Smith, to remind him of his 84th birthday. Those present were Mrs Mary Fields, Mr & Mrs W.J. Smith & son David & Ralph; Mr & Mrs Noah Smith, Mr & Mrs Oslo Dull, Mr & Mrs Hershel Bowers & family; Mr & Mrs John Smith & family; Mr & Mrs Virgil Beisner & babe; Mr & Mrs Lowell Bowers; Miss Irene Miller, Miss Bernice Smith, Don Blakley, Mr & Mrs Ben Morningstar of Berne,Ind; Mr & Mrs Charles Morningstar, of Berne,Ind; Mr & Mrs John Morningstar, of Berne,Ind; Mrs Golda Baker & children of Berne,Ind; Mr Marcus Schindler of Berne,Ind; Mr & Mrs William Gilkey of HillGrove,; There were 51 in all, one present;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, July 24, 1930 (Thursday)

Mrs Maude Ullery Morningstar, 50 yrs old, widow of Dr Glenn E. Morningstar, who was a victim of the flu epidemic here in 1918, she died yesterday at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton; She had resided in Hamilton since shortly after the death of her husband. Surviving relatives include 1 daughter Mildred Morningstar, who lived with her mother, a brother Harry Ullery, Cincinnati, 1 sister Mrs Angie Miesse, Los Angeles, Cal; Burial Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, July 13,1905 (Thursday)

LICENSED TO WED;

Glenn E. Morningstar, 26, dentist & Maude Isabelle Ullery, 24, teacher, both of Greenville;

DCO IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION by Schirack

MORINGSTAR, W.H. e at Greenville May 2,1864, Co H. 152d O.V.I., det q.m. clerk & capt clerk, dis with regt, Mem Jobes Post GAR;

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, Dec 11,1918 (Wednesday)

Dr Glenn E. Morningstar, died in his home, 202 East Fifth St, Saturday of pneumonia & kidney trouble. Native of this city, son of the late Benjamin & Samantha Morningstar, aged 39 yrs, on Aug 3, 1918

leaves his wife, 1 daughter, mother, 2 brothers Lieut James Morningstar, Frank Morningstar, who with his mother lives in Cleveland, 1 sister Mrs Cassisus Stoltz;

GREENVILLE JOURNAl, Jan 6, 1887 (Friday)

a post mortem was held on the body of William B. Morningstar, Wednesday of last week. from which the physicians learned that his ailment & cause of death was cancer of the stomach;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, June 30, 1887 (Thursday)

BORN to Mr & Mrs Ben Morningstar, last Saturday, a boy;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Aug 4,1887 (Thursday)

Mrs Wm Morningstar, died at Atlanta Ga, last Friday where she had gone with her daughter to benefit the latters health. Her remains were interred at Zanesville, her former home;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Feb 15,1917 (Thursday)

Mrs Alice Fleming, died of organic heart trouble Wednesday of last week. She was the daughter of Wm H. Morningstar & wife, both long deceased & was born in this county where she had always made her home. Aged 61 yrs 1 month 2 days; She was the wife of T.J. Fleming, who died of cancer about 2 yrs ago. Survived by her only daughter Helen L.. Mrs Fleming was a sister of Herschel & Benjamin Morningstar, both of whom preceded her; Interment Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, April 21, 1937 (Wednesday)

Mrs Samantha Morningstar, 85, died Tuesday at the home of a daughter Mrs Cassius Stotz, in Cleveland. Burial Greenville cemetery, Widow of the late Benjamin Morningstar. Survived by 1 daughter; 2 sons Frank of Oberlin,O; James of Washington D.C; 3 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 2 sisters Mrs Lon Jones, Mrs Charles Leftwich, the husband died in 1904;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, July 2, 1891 (Thursday)

the 55th anniversary of Mr & Mrs Crawford Baker of Arcanum was celebrated last Saturday at the pleasant home of Mr & Mrs Benj Moringstar in this city; 4 of their daughters reside in our city; to wit; Mrs Benj Morningstar, Mrs Lon Jones, Mrs A.N. Brewer & Mrs C.R. Leftwich; 1 daughter resides in Michigan & a son in Middletown, all of whom were present;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 7, 1986 (Tuesday)

Robert A. Smith, 51, 602 Clark Rd, Ithaca, died

Monday at Wayne Hospital, Greenville, A native of Tennesse, son of the late Francis & Ethel (Hannah) Smith; Survivors include his wife Josephine (Morningstar) a daughter Mrs Dean (Ginny Louise) Daugherty, of Arcanum; 4 sons Robert Charles of Gordon; Carl Dean, Steven Edward & Kirk Alan, all of Arcanum; 6 grand children, 2 brothers Frank Keener of Greenville; John Keener,Jr, of Atlanta,Ga; Burial Ithaca cemetery;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Feb 6,1986 (Thursday)

MARRIAGE LICENSES;

Lloyd Melling, 29, Hollansburg & Miriam S. Morningstar, 28, Hollansburg;

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, Sept 2, 1925 (Wednesday)

OBITUARY; Mrs Amelia Baker, daughter of Christian & Harriet Bradley, was born at Beech Grove, Darke Co, O, Dec 15, 1841, died Aug 21, 1925, aged 83 yrs 8 months 6 days; she was 1 of 10 children, all of whom preceded her except Mrs Wallace Plessinger; Married John Baker in 1866; who died Jan 27,1903; Survived by 1 sister, 4 sisters in law; Mrs Johnston of Dayton; Mrs B.F. Morningstar of Cleveland; Mrs C.R. Leftwick & Mrs A.L. Jones of Greenville; Buried cemetery at Ft Jefferson;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Jan 1,1914 (Thursday)

Mrs Margaret E. Ullery, relict of I.N. Ullery, died in the home of her daughter Mrs G.E. Morningstar, Tuesday of last week. of cancer. She was 58 yrs old & leaves a son Harry Ullery, 2 daughters Mrs G.E. Morningstar & Mrs Clarence Miesse,; Her husband died July 21, 1882. Interment Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, April 20, 1893 (Thursday)

BORN to Mr & Mrs Fleming, nee Morningstar, an 11 pound girl, on Sunday;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Feb 5,1903 (Thursday)

John Herschel Morningstar, died at his home 316 East Third st, of heart trouble, last Friday, aged 52 yrs 27 days; He was born on the old Morningstar homestead on the Winchester Pike;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Nov 3, 1904 (Thursday)

B.F. Morningstar, died Saturday at his home on Vine St, after several months illness of asthams & heart trouble. He is survived by wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter, aged about 62 yrs. Interment Greenville cemetery with a soldiers honors;

DCO WILL INDEX 1817-1900 by Short

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MORNINGSTAR, Jno H. Feb 3,1903

MORNINGSTAR, Benj F. Nov 4,1904

DCO ESTATE INDEX 1817-1905 by Schirack

NAME CASE #

MORNINGSTAR, George # 581

MORNINGSTAR, Bery F. # 9401

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A GENEALOGICAL INDEX OF PIONEERS IN THE MIAMI VALLEY, OHIO

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Miami Co., May 2, 1814; wife Lucretia Marsh, b Mar. 19, 1759, d July 1, 1819. (Issue, see Miami Co.)

MILLER, John; b England July 30, 1791, d at Springboro, Dec. 17, 1878; (son of Aaron, who d Nov. 4, 1848, age 84 yrs.; buried here also is Alice, 'Mother of Aaron Miller' no dates, from Lancastershire, Eng.); m Hannah Heap., b Eng. Nov. 7, 1797, d Mar. 23, 1898; their son
James H., b Montgomery Co., Nov. 18, 1832, m Feb. 26, 1857, Henrietta Deardorf, dau. of David & Margaret.

MILLER, Peter; b Germany Mar. 10, 1826, (son of John & Christena (Rider) Miller); m Sept. 29, 1852, at Cincinnati, Margaret Koeger, (dau. of Conrad & Elizabeth Hofman) Koeger).

MILLER, Soloman; b July 21, 1780, d Aug. 4, 1864; from Pa. 1815 (son of Robert & Cassandra (Wood) Miller); m Nov. 9, 1804, Ruth Neal, b July 1780, d July 24, 1863; issue 9 ch.:
Ann, Thomas, Lewis, David, Joseph, Mary, John T.
Thomas, b Redstone, Pa., Aug. 12, 1812, m Apr. 24, 1834, Eliza Curl (dau. of Samuel & Rosanna (Painter) Curl of Va.); b June 16, 1810; issue—
Ruth, Susan, m Isaiah Pulle; Solomon, Samuel, Rhoda, m David Hare.
Lewis, b July 29, 1814, m Apr. 25, 1836 Rebecca Curl, (dau. of Samuel & Susanna Curl), b Jan. 23, 1817 in Logan Co. Ohio.

MILLER, William; from Greene Co., Pa. 1807; d 1814; m Hannah Phillips; issue—
William, Rebecca, Joseph, Bainbridge, Sarah, Mary.
William, b Columbia, Ohio 1811, m 1831, Ann Cline; issue—
Alonzo, Bainbridge, Melvina, Josephine, Pauline, Inez, Taylor, William, Louisa, Melissa, Laura.

MILLS, James; Wayne Twp.; came 1801.

MILLS, Jeremiah; Washington Twp.; from Essex Co., N.J. 1802 (son of Jeremiah); War 1812; d Dec. 11, 1860; m Abagail Bryant.

MILLS, Marmaduke; will rec. Sept. 8, 1823; wife Patience; son **Hugh;** dau. **Patience** to have same as other daughters; other ch. not named here have received their share. Ex. sons **Hugh & Joel.**

MILTENBERGER, John; War 1812; from Rockingham Co., Va.; d July 17, 1845, age 57 yrs.; wife Elizabeth Bloss, d July 22, 1873, age 84 yrs.; buried at Red Lion; issue—
William, b Va., Jan. 28, 1813, m Feb. 9, 1837, Mary Zehring, b Mar. 22, 1821, (dau. of Christian & Magdalena); issue—
Mary, m Joseph Kemp; Elizabeth, m William Marshall; Lewis, William, George, John.
Layton, b Va., Sept. 14, 1818, m Sept. 9, 1847, Mary Tibbals, b Oct. 8, 1821, (dau. of Seymour & Sarah (Howard) Tibbals).

MINNER, Levin; late of Guilford Co., N. Car.; will rec. Jan. 21, 1806; names wife Mary; sons, **Benston, Noah, Levin;** "my seven dau. all minors".

MIOVER, Isaac; will rec. Sept. 12, 1825; wife Rhoda; only son **Isaac;** dau. **Sarah** Strauzer **Eliza** Kelsey, **Mary & Hope** Miover.

MITCHELL, Thomas C.; b Butler County, July 11, 1826, (son of Thomas & Frances (Boal) Mitchell, from Lancaster County, Pa., 1814); m Jan. 1, 1851, Martha McNeal, b Butler County, Sept. 29, 1829, dau. of Lazarus & Jane McNeal.

MONFORT, Peter; to Ohio 1816; wife Ellen Sutphin; his will rec. Oct. 18, 1820, names wife Eleanor & all my children. (Book 1, p. 228) Ex. son **Albert** & son-in-law Aaron Morgan.
Family records give children as—**Peter,** (see below), **Henry, Letty, Rachel, Allie, Margaret, Arthur,** (or Albert in will) and a dau. m Aaron Morgan. Of these—
Arthur, (or Albert), b Somerset County, N. J., 1798, d Aug. 28, 1846; m Mar. 6, 1822, Eleanor Hall, b Sept. 26, 1802, (dau. of John T. Hall); issue—
John, Julia, Peter, Mary, Myrilla, Elbert, Ellen, Thomas, Ruth; of these—
Elbert, b 1822, Warren County, m Sept. 20, 1843, Hannah Murphy, dau. of Nathaniel & Elizabeth (Jones) Murphy.
Peter, b Jan. 6, 1827, m Jan. 14, 1857, Elizabeth Keever, dau. of Milton & Lydia Keever.
Peter Jr., left a will rec. Aug. 23, 1824; (Book 1, p 236) gives to Peter & Polly Monfort, children of brother Henry.
Peter Voorhees, son of Jeremiah Voorhees.
Peter M. Voorhees, son of sister Letty.
John Monfort, my nephew.
Jeremiah Voorhees, my brother-in-law.
Sister Rachel Weeks.
Thomas Anderson; no relationship stated.
Codicil, same date, names four sisters.
Letty Voorhees, Rachel Weeks, Olly Voorhees, wife of Jeremiah; Margaret Voorhees.

MONFORT, Lawrence; will rec. Aug. 9, 1830; wife Martha; sons, **John, Peter, Francis, David;** dau. **Margaret;** ch. of dau. **Catharine** dec'd; **Magdalena, Mary & Christine.** (See Butler Co.

MONGER, Henry; to Ohio 1817, d Jan. 25, 1848, age 67-3-2, buried at Red Lion; wife Elizabeth Pence (dau. of Adam) d Apr. 9, 1878, age 94 yrs, son **George,** b Rockingham Co., Va., June 6, 1809; m Mar. 18, 1833, Mary Decker, dau. of Joseph & Hannah.

MONROE, Amos; will rec. June 17, 1815; names wife Rebecca.

MONROE, Charles; will rec. Dec. 3, 1818, names wife Mary and daughters **Sarah & Elizabeth.**

MONROE, E. B.; b May 26, 1820 (son of Nathan & Jane (Buxton) Monroe); m Dec. 15, 1841, Hannah J. Halsey, dau. of Caleb.

MOON, Phineas; will rec. Oct. 14, 1811; names wife Eleanor and daughter Catharine.

MOON, Simon; will rec. Sept. 12, 1825; son **William** Moon; g. son James Moon, son of **Mary** Moon; dec'd; g. dau. Judith Moon, dau. of Richard Moon; my two surviving dau., **Nancy** Edwards & **Jane** Hampton; for the following named children, **James, Milicent, Richard, John, Susannah, Malachiah, Judith, Simon** and **Mary.** I have heretofore provided for. Ex. son James Moon.

MOORE, Jonathan; Rev. Sold.; granted a pension Mar. 17, 1819 for his service as a private in N. J. Cont. Line.

MORGAN, Esther; will rec. Aug. 19 1828; sons, **John, Daniel, Abraham, Felix, David, Joseph;** dau. **Betsy** Pobst.

MORGAN, Gabriel; came 1803. wife, Esther-above ?

MORGAN, Thomas; to Ohio 1800; wife Ann Ogan d 1820; issue—
Phennie, m David Jay; **Elizabeth, William, Catharine,** m William Compton; **John.**
William, b Greene Co., Nov. 26, 1816, m Jan. 4, 1844, Matilda Compton, (dau. of Joseph & Christena of N. Car.)

MORNINGSTAR, Jacob; b Pa., Mar. 16, 1806, m Aug. 11, 1837, Harriet Beard, b Aug. 30, 1814, dau. of Jacob & Susanna of Montgomery Co.

MORRIS, Aaron; will rec. Nov. 12, 1834; wife Mary; ch. **Aaron, Thomas & Elizabeth.**

MORRIS, Dr. David; b Reading, Pa. 1769; to Lebanon 1805; d 1850.

MORRIS, Isaac; from N. Car. 1816; (son of Zachariah); m Millicent Bundy; issue, 13 ch.; among them, **John, Zadock, Nancy & Sarah.**
John, b N. Car., Dec. 19, 1797, m Jan. 1823, Ruth Stanley, (dau. of Anthony; issue 9 ch.,

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THE

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the mines; in the summer of 1857, he crossed the Plains from Los Angeles to St. Joseph with a drove of wild horses and traded them off for cattle, which he fed through the winter of 1857–58, and, in the spring of 1858, he sold these to the Government for the Utah expedition against the Mormons; on his way from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, he encamped for several days on the site of the Mountain Meadow massacre, and, east of the Rocky Mountains, met and conversed with the ill-fated party respecting their hazardous journey; in September, 1858, he located in Greenville, and, in company with his brother-in-law, Michael Miller, embarked in the dry-goods trade; this arrangement lasted five years; in August, 1863, he entered into his present copartnership with the Hon. John L. Winner, and for some years the dry-goods house of Moore & Winner has been the leading one in Greenville. In December, 1861, he married Miss Mary Porter, daughter of John W. Porter, Esq., of Greenville. Mr. Moore has given his exclusive attention to business, and, with the exception of local positions on the Board of Education and Town Council, has never filled any public office. Though often solicited to become a candidate for the General Assembly, he has always declined, and, in the fall of 1878, he was earnestly pressed by prominent men of all parties to allow himself to be made an independent candidate for Congress, under circumstances that gave the most flattering prospect of success, but he declined. In 1879, the Democratic Senatorial Convention for the counties of Darke, Miami and Butler, unanimously nominated him for the State Senate, and he was triumphantly elected. He is a refined and courteous gentleman of the old school, with sound sense, a clear head and unimpeachable integrity; he is an easy, agreeable and fluent speaker, and is, in everything he is connected with, a resolute worker.

WM. H. MORNINGSTAR; P. O. Greenville. We could hardly do justice to the business interests nor to the history of Darke Co. without devoting a brief space of this work to the above gentleman; he was born in Greene Co., Ohio, Sept. 15, 1819, and is a son of George Morningstar, one of the early pioneers who located in the southwest part of Greenville Township in 1832, where his decease occurred in 1850. Our subject followed agricultural pursuits until 1844, when he came to Greenville and followed clerking some three years; in 1847, he embarked in the merchandise trade, and followed different mercantile pursuits, with the exception of four years, until 1878, since which time he has devoted his attention to milling. He has taken a deep interest in the political questions of the day; was in early days a Whig, but has been a strong Republican since the organization of the same. During the late rebellion, he was one of the leading outspoken Union men, and was the chief target for the enemies of the Government; his sympathies for the Union was not only outspoken but active, as his service in the 152d O. N. G., will show; his oldest son also serving in the Union army four and a half years, when he received an honorable discharge. Mr. Morningstar has been twice married; his first wife was Elizabeth Wagoner, their nuptials being celebrated in 1848 or 1849; she died in 1869; in 1874, he was married to Frances Zell, a native of Clinton Co., Ohio. Mr. M. has resided upon his present place for upward of thirty years; his family consists of his wife and three children, of whom Benjamin F. has occupied the position of Government mail agent for ten years, and resides near the old homestead; John H., one of the founders and proprietors of the Greenville Commercial College, residing in Greenville, and Alice, living at home. The beautiful spot upon which is located the large and commodious house of Mr. M. is truly historical; it lies just across the Greenville Creek, on what is known as Tecumseh's Point, and which, in early days, was the home of both Tecumseh the chief, and his brother, the Prophet, and for this reason was held sacred by the red men; to such an extent did this feeling extend among the Indians, that when orders were issued in 1832 to remove them from their settlement at Wapauketna to their reservations beyond the Mississippi River, the officer in charge designed taking them through Miami Co. to Cincinnati, but they insisted upon being brought through Greenville, that they might once more visit the old home of their chief

and Prophet, and their request being granted, they remained several days; further mention is made of the interest of this point in the historical part of this work.

DAVID NOGGLE, retired farmer; residence, Section 34; P. O. Greenville. Among the old settlers of Darke Co., the gentleman whose name heads this sketch is prominently and favorably known, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen; he was born in Neave Township, Darke Co., Aug. 8, 1824. His father, Geo. Noggle, was born in Huntingdon Co., Penn., March 15, 1774; he married Catherine Henlein, who was born in the same State on May 26, 1777; they were among the early pioneers of Darke Co., locating here in 1812; Mr. Noggle died in Harrison Township June 28, 1852; Mrs. Noggle died March 17, 1865; they were the parents of ten children, all of whom lived to grow up. David Noggle obtained his education in a log schoolhouse, and assisted his father in farming until 20 years of age, when, upon Nov. 7, 1844, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gibbs, a native of Darke Co., born Sept. 20, 1827; they were the parents of four children, viz.: Martha A., born Jan. 18, 1846; Rufus G., born July 1, 1847; Mary C., Dec. 18, 1854, and Julia A., July 8, 1856. Upon the marriage of Mr. Noggle, he located upon 80 acres of land in Neave Township, and lived in a log cabin some twelve years; he then resided in Harrison Township some twelve years, when he sold out and returned to Neave Township, where he purchased 320 acres, disposing of the same in 1874, at which date he located upon his present place, where he has since lived; he now owns 80 acres, located one mile from Greenville, with the best of farm buildings. Mrs. Noggle was a daughter of David and Mary (Beal) Gibbs; her father was born in North Carolina, and came to Darke Co. about the year 1817; his death occurred in August, 1869; Mrs. Gibbs was born in Greene Co., Ohio; she died in July, 1872.

RUFUS G. NOGGLE, farmer and stock-raiser; P. O. Greenville. The subject of this memoir was born in Harrison Township, July 1, 1847, and is a son of David Noggle, whose sketch appears among the biographies of this work; our subject was raised on a farm and assisted his father till he was 21 years of age, when he commenced farming for himself; he now owns 150 acres of land, all under a good state of cultivation, with good farm improvements; he obtained a common-school education in his youth. He was married to Angie Kerst Dec. 26, 1867; she was born Aug. 31, 1848, and is a daughter of Samuel Kerst, a native of Pennsylvania. He died in Darke County upward of 60 years of age; her mother is now living, and resides in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Noggle are the parents of one child—Charley C., born Feb. 26, 1875.

CURTIS OTWELL, physician and surgeon; Greenville; was born in Guilford Co., N. C., March 19, 1806; his father, James Otwell, was a native of Sussex Co., Del., and his mother, Eleanor Reynolds, of Guilford County; she was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and the descendant of a Quaker, who came to this country with William Penn. James Otwell was a slaveholder, but emancipated his slaves near the beginning of the present century; he died in 1830, aged 52, and his wife soon followed him. The family comprised five children, of whom our subject was the only son; at an early age, he evinced a great thirst for learning, and made a practice of carrying a book in his pocket to study in intervals of leisure; when a youth of 18, he was appointed Constable of his native county, and while executing the duties of his office, he read thousands of pages of history while going over the county on horseback; by thus improving his spare moments, he put in years of study, and supplemented a common-school course with higher attainments, including some knowledge of the Latin language; he says that "he was quite proud of his position as Constable, from the fact that Gen. Jackson was once Constable of the same county." In 1824, he married Eunice S. Wilson, of his native county; her father, Michael Wilson, was born on the ocean, of Irish parents, and reared in North Carolina; after his marriage, he read medicine, and, in the spring of 1832, moved to Wayne County, Ind., where he practiced his profession eight years; in the fall of 1840, he settled in Darke

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